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WASHINGTON (AP) - THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAS ASKED THE CIA TO PREPARE A STUDY ON POSSIBLE "ALTERNATIVES" TO CHILE'S ANTI-COMMUNIST MILITARY REGIME, ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES.

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS FREQUENTLY TRIED TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE CHILEAN JUNTA BECAUSE OF ITS HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, BUT THE SOURCES SAID THE NSC-ORDERED STUDY ADDS A NEW DIMENSION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S ANTI-JUNTA POSTURE.

THEY SAID THE DECISION TO REQUEST THE STUDY REFLECTS THE INFLUENCE OF SEVERAL OF THE YOUNG, LIBERAL CARTER ADMINISTRATION RECRUITS WHO HAVE RISEN TO SENIOR POLICY-MAKING POSITIONS.

"THEY HAVE THE KNIFE OUT FOR THE JUNTA," SAID ONE ADMINISTRATION INSIDER.

AMONG THEM IS THE NSC LATIN AMERICAN STAFF ADVISER, ROBERT PASTOR, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE REQUESTED THE CIA STUDY. PASTOR COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT THURSDAY NIGHT. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE REQUEST FOR THE STUDY WAS APPROVED BY PASTOR'S BOSS, ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI.

THE SOURCES WERE UNCERTAIN FOR WHAT PURPOSE THE STUDY WAS ORDERED. ONE INFORMANT JUST SMILED WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE WAS A COVERT OPERATION AGAINST THE JUNTA.

HE NOTED THAT THE STUDY INVOLVES A RIGHTIST REGIME IN CHILE WHICH FOUR YEARS AGO OUSTED A GOVERNMENT WHICH THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TRIED TO SUBVERT BECAUSE OF ITS LEFTIST POLICIES.

CHILE HAS COME UNDER FIRE FOR ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BUT THE DEPARTING U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHILE, DAVID POPPER, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SUBJECTED TO IMPROPER TREATMENT IS DOWN SHARPLY. POPPER LEFT SANTIAGO LAST MONTH.

BUT OTHER SOURCES SAID THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS PICKED UP IN APRIL AND MAY AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS IN WHICH NO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.

SINCE THE MILITARY TOOK POWER AFTER OUSTING THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE IN SEPTEMBER 1973 THERE HAS BEEN A VIRTUAL BAN OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN CHILE.

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS DEMONSTRATED COLDNESS TOWARD THE JUNTA IN SEVERAL WAYS.

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